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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING PRESENCE OF MICROORGANISMS, AND QUANTITIES OF MICROORGANISMS



INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Advisory Action dated April 7, 2004 and received by the undersigned on April 14, 2004.

In the Interview Summary attached to the Advisory Action, the Examiner has advised that the written reply to the last Office Action must include the substance of the interview. First, the Examiner should note that the written reply to the last Office Action is dated March 29, 2004, before the date of the interview noted by the Examiner which is April 6, 2004. In the telephone conversation of April 6, 2004, the undersigned merely telephoned

the Examiner to inform him that a response had been filed on March 29, 2004 and a request was made that the Examiner, as expeditiously as possible, review the response and provide the undersigned with his ruling on the Amendment prior to the expiration of the three month statutory period which will expire on April 29, 2004.

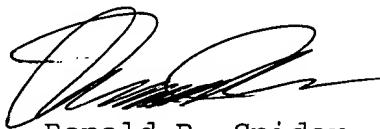
In the interview, nothing of substance was discussed with respect to the March 29, 2004 amendments to the claims or remarks. More specifically, the undersigned did not discuss the amendments to the claims, or the arguments presented in the response. The purpose of the interview was merely to inform the Examiner that the Amendment had been filed.

Still further it is respectfully submitted that since the previous amendment was filed prior to any telephone call to the Examiner that the previous amendment filed on March 29, 2004 is within two months from January 29, 2004 and, therefore, the provisions at the top of page 3 of the Office Action dated January 29, 2004 apply.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action in accordance thereof is requested. In the event there is

any reason why the application cannot be allowed in this current condition, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems by Interview or Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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